

INVERSE FUNCTIONS

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Laws of Exponents. Let $a, b \neq 1$ be positive numbers. If x and y are any real numbers, then

$$b^{x+y} = b^x b^y$$

$$b^{x-y} = \frac{b^x}{b^y}$$

$$(b^x)^y = b^{xy}$$

$$(ab)^x = a^x b^x$$

Simplify the following expressions.

1. $\frac{4^{-3}}{2^{-2}}$

3. $x(3x^2)^3$

2. $8^{4/3}$

4. $b^8(2b^4)$

Laws of Logarithms. Let $a, b \neq 1$ be positive numbers. If x and y are positive numbers, then

$$\log_b(xy) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$$

$$\log_b(x^r) = r \log_b(x)$$

$$\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b(x) - \log_b(y)$$

$$\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_a(x)}{\log_a(b)}$$

Find the given logarithm.

5. $\log_9(1)$

8. $\log_7(1)$

11. $\log_3\left(\frac{1}{27}\right)$

6. $\log_9(9^8)$

9. $\log_7(49)$

12. $\log_{10}(\sqrt{10})$

7. $\log_9(9)$

10. $\log_7\left(\frac{1}{49}\right)$

13. $\log_5(0.2)$

Expand the given expression.

14. $\log_5 \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)$

15. $\log_3 (x\sqrt{y})$

16. $\log_3(5a)$

17. $\log_5 \left(\frac{2a}{b} \right)$

18. $\log_{10}((w^2z)^{10})$

19. $\log_7\left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{wz}}{x}\right)$

Combine the given expression.

20. $4\log_2(x) - \frac{1}{3}\log_2(x^2 + 1)$

21. $\log_{10}(5) + 2\log_{10}(x) + 3\log_{10}(x^2 + 5)$

22. $2 \log_8(x + 1) + 2 \log_8(x - 1)$

23. $\log_5(x^2 - 1) - \log_5(x - 1)$